

FINDING HIS VOICE

Mohanadas S/O Kuttan Pillai

Financial Assistance Beneficiary
and Support Group Member



SCS New Voice Club Support Group

The SCS New Voice Club provides rehabilitative support for laryngeal cancer patients and helps them to learn how to speak again and to gain a 'new voice' after treatment, with or without speech devices. Speech practice sessions conducted by members have enabled many to regain their ability to communicate with others. Emotional support is also given to members and their families in coping with a 'new voice' after surgery.

Mr Mohan's world came crashing down when he learnt that he had Stage 4 throat cancer. A heavy smoker for 42 years, he was rushed to the hospital in 2012 after coughing very badly and collapsing while drinking water. A large tumour was found in his throat, and he had to undergo major surgery to his neck. Mr Mohan's voice box was removed during the surgery and he lost the ability to speak for close to 3 years.

Staying in a rental flat, Mr Mohan needed assistance to cope with the financial strain caused by cancer. Singapore Cancer Society (SCS) assisted him with cash aid (\$14,040), Cancer Treatment Fund (\$3,000 for Radiotherapy), and gave him a Voice Prosthesis (\$1,125)—a device which enabled him to speak again.

Mr Mohan found solace when he joined the SCS New Voice Club, a cancer support group consisting of members who have had some form of laryngeal cancer and have undergone surgical treatment or laryngectomy. An active member of the support group, he went through speech practice sessions which helped him regain his ability to communicate with others.

Now, the 70-year-old is lending his voice through SCS' smoke-free talks where he shares his story and advises youths to stop smoking.

"Smoking is the regret that will last with me forever. Like most others who started in their teen years, I did it to impress my peers. Little did I know that it would be such a painful journey."

"After having my vocal cords removed, I found it challenging to get back to normalcy. But SCS has helped me bridge this gap. The support I got from everyone gave me encouragement and hope to fight on."



**SINGAPORE
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BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF LOVE



NO ONE FIGHTS CANCER ALONE

Community support is crucial to SCS in expanding and strengthening outreach in the collective fight against cancer. For over 57 years, through the generous support of donors, partner organisations, and volunteers, SCS has managed to positively impact the lives of countless beneficiaries.

More than \$100,000 raised from 'Give a Gift, Save a Life this Christmas' campaign

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our 'Give a Gift, Save a Life this Christmas' campaign last December. Your ongoing support has enabled us to continue serving the cancer community amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cancer diagnosis can impose a tremendous financial burden on patients and their families. Every year, SCS needs to raise at least \$20 million to drive programmes and services, and create new initiatives to continue improving the lives of the cancer community.

With continued financial, medical and rehabilitation support, we can guide cancer patients along the road to recovery. Your generous gift will certainly bring hope to them.



THE IMPACT OF YOUR DONATIONS



\$100

2 weeks' supply of adult diapers for a cancer patient

\$200

1 month's supply of stoma bags for a colorectal cancer survivor

\$400

1 month's supply of milk for a cancer patient who cannot consume solid food

Moving Individuals, Spurring Hope

In December 2020, San Wang Wu Ti Religious Society (三皇五帝) sponsored a brand new hydraulic van to facilitate the ferrying of wheelchair-bound cancer patients.

Their generosity will help SCS to provide transportation for cancer patients between their homes and hospitals for medical appointments.

In addition, the service greatly eases the financial burden of those coming from low-income families.



DID YOU KNOW?

SCS provides transportation to about 150 beneficiaries with around **2,000 round trips** every year.

CELEBRATING THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH GIVING



Thank you for your kind support!



SCS kicked off the year with SCS Festive Cheer with a Heart for Chinese New Year 2021.

Earlier this year, SCS welfare staff welcomed our beneficiaries at our office to distribute Festive Cheer bags. The bags were filled with goodies such as daily necessities, festive snacks and supermarket vouchers. Amidst the pandemic situation in Singapore, these beneficiaries were reminded that they were not alone in the fight against cancer.

Every year, over 600 festive cheer bags are lovingly packed and distributed to our beneficiaries during the festive periods. Join us in bringing warmth and happiness to our beneficiaries this upcoming Hari Raya in May. Email us at volunteers@singaporecancersociety.org.sg to find out more!

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GET FIT



GET TESTED FOR
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FOR A SHARED
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Get FIT (Faecal Immunochemical Test), our first line of defence against colorectal cancer.

Early-stage colorectal cancer may not have symptoms. If you're 50 or above, screening is the best way to prevent colorectal cancer. FIT can detect microscopic blood in your stool, a common sign of colorectal polyps and cancer. So, get your FIT kit today.

Early detection saves lives

More details on collection of FIT kit:

www.singaporecancersociety.org.sg
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collection points

Screening Eligibility[^]: Singaporeans and PRs aged 50 or above

[^] Terms and conditions: Only applicable to individuals who have not done a Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) in the last 12 months or a colonoscopy in the last 10 years

HELP US GO PAPERLESS

Issuance of physical tax-deductible receipts have ceased with effect from March 2021

As part of SCS' Go Green initiative, issuance of physical tax-deductible receipts have ceased with effect from March 2021, and be replaced by e-receipts instead.

All donations made to SCS are tax deductible. If have provided us with your NRIC/FIN No., your donation details will be provided directly to Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS), and the donation deductions will be included automatically in your individual tax assessment. There is no need to declare the donation amount in your income tax return. IRAS will also no longer accept claims for tax deduction based on tax-deductible receipts.

Should you have any queries or wish to update your email address with us, please email to fund_raising@singaporecancersociety.org.sg. Thank you once again for your support towards the cancer patients.



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